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CHAIN CROSSLINKS TO
INCREASE ABRASION
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 23, 2002, the Applicants reply through their attorney as follows.

The Examiner has restricted claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §121 and the Applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

The Applicants respectfully request a preliminary amendment as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The long chain elastomers of the present invention having the structure $Y_m(SRS)_nY_m$ where Y is selected from the group consisting of H, SR' and SiR'₃; where R is selected from the group consisting of branched and linear C2 to C20 alkylene,

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Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment

Exhibit A

Exhibit B

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